The Importance of Interiors
Designing Libraries for the 21st Century

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“Architects design and build buildings for interiors because that is what people use.”
Snohetta gave us a wonderful building and if this creative effort was not supported by interiors then it would be a very different experience.
Programming:

• Working with Student, staff and faculty to determine requirements and begin establishing layouts which offer a variety of choices.

• Student quote: “The design of the space is important for productivity.”

Never stop learning
Never stop sharing
Never stop breathing
Schematic Design:
• Recognize and support the architectural vision of transparency which is our connection to nature.
• Provide layouts for discussion including adjacencies that require separation by either an architectural element or furniture layouts.
Design Development:

- Building on the finalized layouts begin to develop the types of furnishings required for the variety of spaces.

The “Classics” give a building a sense of timeliness and strength. The Introductions of designs that capture whimsy offer joy and creative nature.
Contract Documents:
- Provide furniture specifications for purchase.
Contract Administration and Installation:
• Follow the process for purchase.
• Oversee installation and confirm receipt.

Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield Connecticut

James B. Hunt Jr. Library – Level 3

Calhoun College Library, Yale University

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Post Occupancy:
• Observe use and take care of business….
The importance of interiors is about good design. Understanding the architecture, the interiors, the function and implementing the details is essential in creating space.

Thank you,

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